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*We have this Day receiv'd the following Intelligence.*

## Published by Authority.

*Berwick, March* 13.

THE Governor has juſt now receiv'd Advice from Sir George Bing, dated on Board the Medway, off of the Fyrth at Edenburgh, March 13, wherein he acquaints him, That he was at the time of Writing in Sight of the French Fleet, and ſailing Northward in Chace of 'em. He did not doubt but he ſhould prevent their Landing Men or Arms, and hop'd to give a good Account of their Fleet.

The Mayor of the Town has alſo a Letter from the Bailiff of Dunbar, dated the ſame Day, at Eleven in the Morning, which ſays, That at Twelve the Day before, a Frigot of Twenty Six Guns paſs'd by that Place, and ſtood into the Fyrth to view the Ships in Leith Road; and that about Four in the Afternoon another ſmall Frigot of Twenty Four Guns appear'd off the Place, and ſeem'd to cruiſe about the Road, as if ſhe waited for ſome Intelligence from the Shore. About Six in the Evening they ſaw a great Number of Ships right off the Place, one of which carry'd a white Flag on her Top-maſt head. That upon this the Town took an Alarm, the Dragoons who lay there kept Patroles all Night, and the Militia ſtood to their Arms on the Shore. The Ships frequently made falſe Fires in the Night, which were ſuppos'd to be Signals to ſome Perſons on Shore. The Mayor further adds, That he had been inform'd that one Mr. Hepherne, formerly a Servant to the Lord Dundee, lay conceal'd in the Town, and had been obſerv'd to have been very ſollicitous to hire a Fiſhing-boat to go on board that Fleet, which he pretended was come from London. That Perſon was immediately taken into Cuſtody, and carry'd away Priſoner with the Dragoons, who march'd from Dunbar that Morning. The Weather being clear, there were obſerv'd ſailing in Sight of each other about ninety Sail of Ships; which were ſuppos'd to be the French Fleet, and the Britiſh in Purſuit of 'em, ſtanding to the Northward. The Regular Troops, together with the Militia of the Country, 'tis ſaid, are marching to their Rendezvous at Leith.

*From on Board the* Medway *off of* Edenburgh, March 13.

According to the Opinion we had fram'd when we left the Station of Dunkirk, it has prov'd that the Enemy was deſign'd for Edenburgh. This Morning we ſaw the French Fleet in the Mouth of the Fyrth, off of which Place we anchor'd in the laſt Night, and ſent a Boat aſhore to the Iſle of May, from whence we had an Account That the French came to an Anchor yeſterday in the Afternoon. They ſent one Ship up into Leith Road, which had a Flag at the Main-top-maſt Head, they report it a blue one; but we are rather of Opinion, that it is the Standard. The People of the Iſland ſay, that by the time that Ship could get up before the Town, they heard ſeveral Guns fire, which were in the manner of a Salute. The Ship that went up Yeſterday came down this Morning, and is now within two Leagues of us. She appears to be a Ship of Sixty Guns, but has now no Flag on Board. We ſaw this Morning, when they weigh'd, a Flag at the Main-top-maſt Head on board of one of their Ships. They ſtand from us, and we after them, with all the Sail we can. The Admiral has enclos'd to the Governor of Berwick a Letter to the Lord Leven, or commanding Officer of the Caſtle of Edenburgh. to let them know that we are here in chace of the Enemy.

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